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1. Cuba-USSR: It now appears that Cuban personnel will not be ready to take over all the Soviet SAM sites on the island before the latter part of June.

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The program in the central sector has also been lagging. Training in the western part of the island is further along.

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Cuba:

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[REDACTED] upsurge in counterrevolutionary activities in central Cuba. There have been numerous small-scale clashes involving government forces in the past three weeks.

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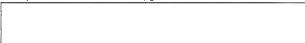
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3. Cambodia - South Vietnam: Sihanouk has reacted to last week's border fighting with a characteristic flurry of diplomatic activity.




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He also levels charges of US complicity in the incidents, charging that US troops actively participated in these "veritable acts of war against Cambodia." 

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Sihanouk has not yet used the incidents for further approaches to Hanoi or Peiping, but he  may ask for UN observers to investigate charges that the Viet Cong use Cambodian soil.

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4. South Vietnam: A number of leading Khanh subordinates continue to growl about the way the general is running things.

One of them, a corps commander in the northern part of the country, fears that South Vietnam is becoming "another Laos" with various political groups unable or unwilling to pull together even though the military situation is deteriorating.

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[redacted] Khanh's failure
to delegate authority. [redacted]
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5. Laos: Souvanna, who has been picking his way carefully between pitfalls to the right and left, has managed to get through another week.

The right-wing coup group has been demanding a wholesale shakeup of his government while the Pathet Lao is threatening political or military retaliation if he does.

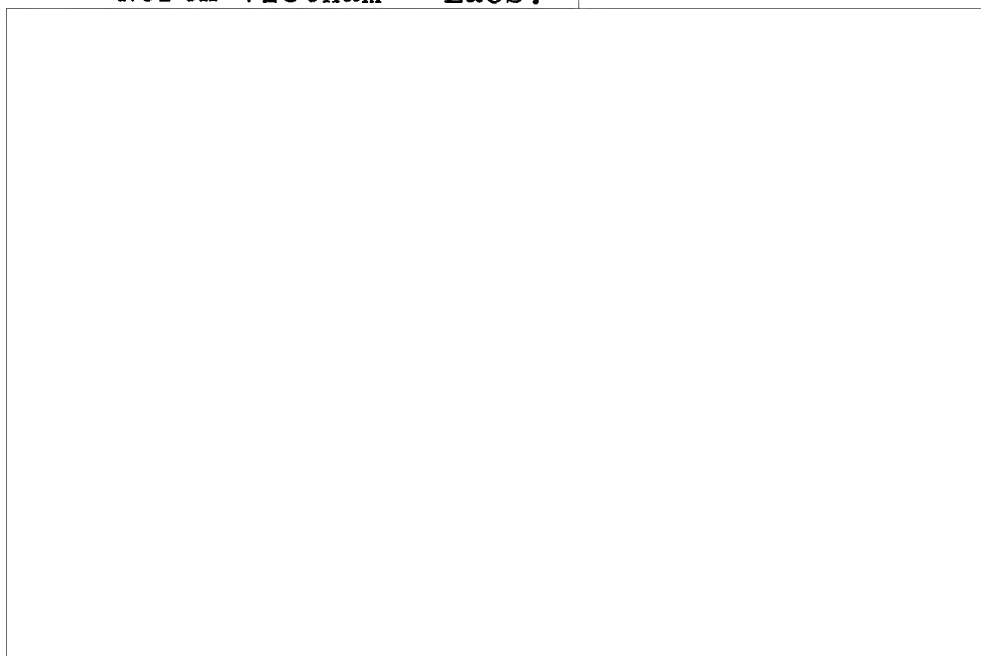
He must now deal with the rightist-dominated National Assembly which is meeting in Vientiane.

His present plan is to present the assembly with a scheme for replacing one dead and two expatriated neutralist ministers.

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6. North Vietnam - Laos:

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7. South Korea: Pak may have succeeded in buying at least a brief period of political quiet by setting up a new cabinet under Chong Il-kwon.

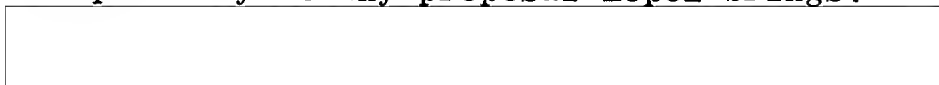
Chong, one-time ambassador to the US, is popular in both political and military quarters. He is both energetic and astute and will be a definite improvement over his ineffectual predecessor.

More importantly from Pak's point of view, Chong's appointment may serve to mollify the many opponents of Kim Chong-pil, both in and out of government.

8. Indonesia-Malaysia: Macapagal is sending former Foreign Minister Lopez to Djakarta and Kuala Lumpur for still another try at arranging a meeting with Sukarno and the Tunku.

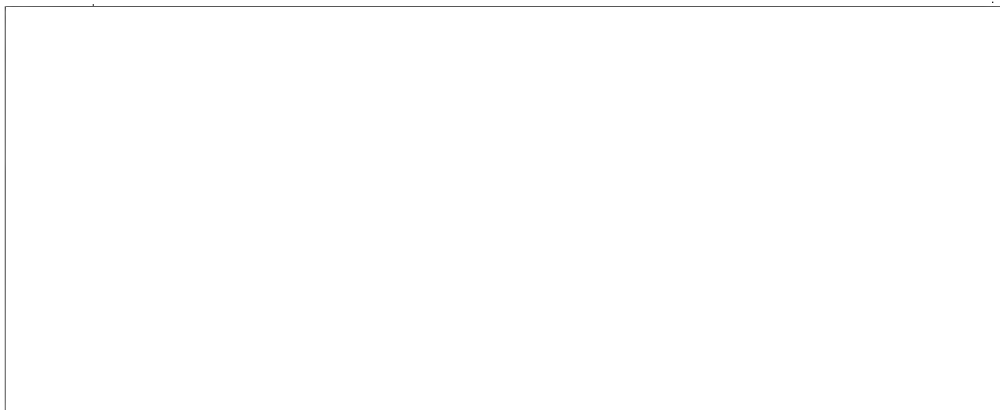
Sukarno of course will not be hard to persuade so long as no one insists he withdraw his guerrillas from Malaysia.

The Tunku has insisted on some give from Djakarta on this point, however, and will look skeptically at any proposal Lopez brings.



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There has not been a great deal of action in the Borneo jungles over the past few days, but the situation remains explosive.



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9. Southern Rhodesia: [redacted]
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These elements have long been deaf to warnings that economic and political disaster would follow such a unilateral step. [redacted]

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[redacted] Nyasaland. [redacted]
is due to get full independence--under native rule--in early July.

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10. Malta: [redacted]
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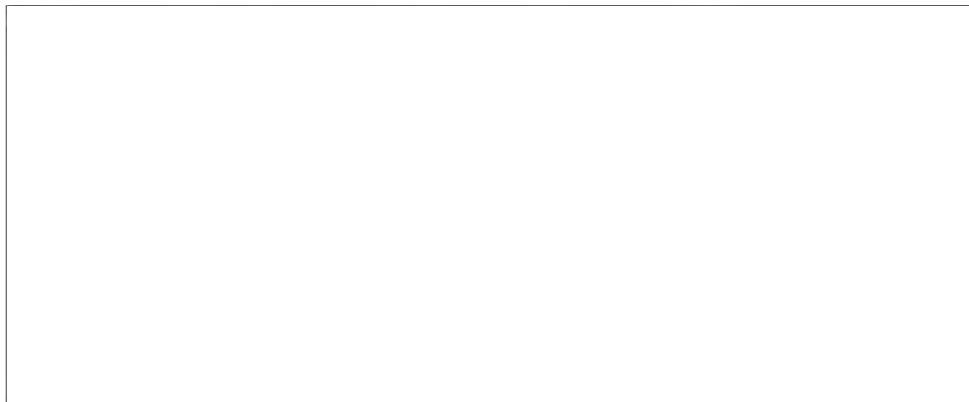
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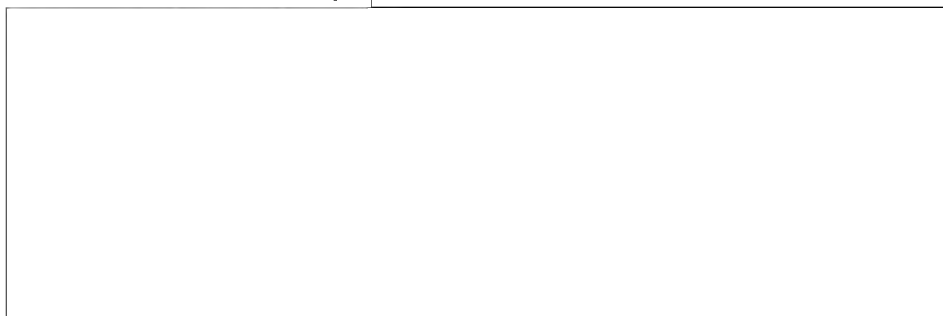
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11. Cyprus: The island was quiet over the weekend and General Gyani, who was beginning to show the strain, was able to take a day off for the first time in the 40-odd days he has been there.

There is little confidence anywhere that the calm can last. In fact the killing Monday by Turkish Cypriots of two officers of the Greek Army contingent could set things off once again. Already ten Turkish Cypriot hostages have been seized in reprisal.

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12. Yemen-Aden:



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13. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Nyerere, a conciliator rather than a fighter, is having trouble bringing the Zanzibaris to heel.

The union is two weeks old, but all ministries of the supposedly defunct Government of Zanzibar are operating as usual and with Karume's blessing. Information bulletins bearing the seal of the government are still appearing on the streets.

Karume, urged on by the many Communists who still surround him, has been saying that Zanzibar neither needs nor wants Western aid. Nyerere has been urging a quick injection of just such aid for the island.

The thorniest problem between the two union partners remains East Germany. Nyerere is deeply committed to the West Germans, while Karume prefers to stick with East Germany.

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The East Germans are working overtime in their efforts to keep their favored position on the island. Not only have they been pushing their case on Zanzibari officialdom, but they have been conducting a door-to-door campaign to explain how East German aid will benefit the individual Zanzibaris.

They apparently are confident that they will either keep their foothold or tear the union apart.

14. Algeria: [] Ben Bella may be about to nationalize Algeria's petroleum extraction and distribution facilities, an act which will not sit well in Paris.

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The Algerian leader, who has long been interested in breaking France's stranglehold over this and other Algerian businesses, may have gotten a commitment from Moscow for help if the French react strongly.

15. West Germany: Chancellor Erhard has reportedly put aside any idea of a mission to Moscow for the time being. He is, however, toying with the idea of sending a Bundestag delegation there this summer.
16. Khrushchev: There is some indication that the Soviet premier may stop off in Algiers after his visit to Egypt. There is also an outside chance he may visit Addis Ababa as well.

17. Panama: As matters now stand, Robles has been elected with a plurality of 20,000 in a total vote of around 300,000. We do not expect the final official tally to change this outcome.

So far there has been little evidence of extensive vote rigging on behalf of Robles. He seems to have attracted a considerable vote away from Galindo, and this may have reduced the need.

The unpredictable Arnulfo Arias, who has said that he could be beaten only by fraud, has not yet reacted. He still has the potential to cause trouble, but some of his followers seem to have been intimidated by the way the National Guard has handled the election thus far.